

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  
Yoshiaki SAKAGAMI, *et al.*  
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For: IMAGE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM FOR A MOBILE ROBOT

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.131**

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Sir:

The undersigned, Yoshiaki Sakagami, Koji Kawabe, Nobuo Higaki, Naoaki Sumida, Youko Saitou, and Tomonobu Gotou, hereby declare:

1. We are the inventors of the subject matter of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/814,343 ("present application"), filed on April 1, 2004.
2. We reside at Kabushiki Kaisha Honda Gijutsu Kenkyusho, 4-1 Chuo 1-chome, Wako-shi, Saitama, Japan.
3. We are the inventors of the Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-094171, filed on March 31, 2003 in the Japanese Patent Office entitled, "Image Transmission

System for a Mobile Robot." A certified copy of the Japanese Patent Application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office along with relevant documents of the present application on April 1, 2004. A certified English translation of the Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-094171 is being filed concurrently with the present Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131.

4. As certified and declared in the Declaration filed along with the subject matter of the present application filed on April 1, 2004 and as also shown in the corresponding English translation, the subject matter of the present application corresponds to the subject matter described in Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-094171 filed on March 31, 2003.

5. We declare that the substantive portions of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-094171 which relate to the subject matter of the present application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/814,343, were invented by us.

6. U.S. Publication No. 2004/0028260 to Higaki et al. ("Higaki") filed August 7, 2003 and published February 12, 2004 is, therefore, not prior art as to any aspects of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/814,343. Higaki's filing date and publication date are after the filing date of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-094171 which relate to the subject matter of the present application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/814,343. Therefore, the filing of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-094171 corresponding to the present application establish conception of the invention prior to the effective date of Higaki coupled with due diligence from prior to said date to a subsequent filing of the U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/814,343.

7. That all statements made herein are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of this patent application, or any patent issuing thereon.

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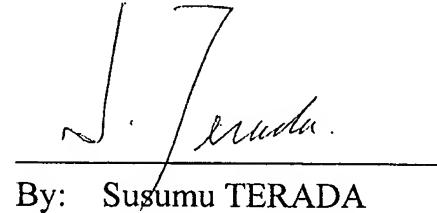
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## **VERIFICATION OF TRANSLATION**

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I, Susumu Terada, of #803, 22-27 Minamicho 3-chome, Kokubunji-shi, Tokyo, Japan, hereby declare that I am the translator of the documents attached hereto and certify that the following is a true translation thereof to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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